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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY )  
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE )  
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY )  
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS ) Attorney Docket 1-5119

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Official Letter, Paper No. 7, dated January 6, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 14, Line 1 delete "for manufacturing a vehicle frame assembly".

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6, and 11 under 13 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Jacobs et al. reference. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 defines the invention as a method for manufacturing a vehicle frame assembly